

## SERVICES THIS WEEK – January 2026

<b>SUNDAY</b> 4 January	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Nativity</b> The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed
<b>MONDAY</b> 5 January	9.15am	Mass	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 6 January	9.15am <b>6.30pm</b>	Mass	<b>The Feast of the Epiphany</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7 January	7.30am 12 noon	Mass	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8 January	<b>11.00am</b>	Mass	<b>Requiem Mass for Christine Longworth</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9 January	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>Mass with St John XXIII Primary School</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 10 January	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>GIFT Children/Families monthly Mass</b> First Mass of Sunday
<b>SUNDAY</b> 11 January	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed

<b>ROSARY</b>	After Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
<b>EXPOSITION/private prayer</b>	<b>Wed: 10 –11.50am; Fri 10.30am-12; 5-5.50pm;</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	At the above time of adoration & on request
<b>PRAYER GROUPS (in Chapel)</b>	Charismatic Prayer Group - Monday evenings 7pm.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Archbishop-Elect Richard Moth, our soon to be Archbishop of Westminster.
- All victims of the New Year's Eve fire at the bar in Switzerland.
- Peace and reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Palestine, Sudan, Syria, Myanmar, DRC, Venezuela and all countries/communities living under the shadow of war.
- Release for all political prisoners held unjustly in captivity around the world.
- All Christians, e.g. in Nigeria, and people of faith being persecuted around the world. We pray for the all the children kidnapped in recent months in Nigeria by extremists.
- The repose of the soul of Raymond Ince, Christine Longworth, and all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- The homeless, refugees and migrants – that they may find a place of sanctuary.
- All the sick, housebound and most vulnerable members of our parish community.
- The work of CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas and the Catholic Children's Society.
- Our Parish Centre Renovation Project. Pray for the builders!
- Our parish community – that 2026 may be a time of grace & growth for us.
- For all travelling home at the end of this Christmas/New Year season.

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## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church - White City



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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Nativity – Taking us to another level!!

While some may have already discarded their Christmas trees on the streets around our parish, we very much continue our Christmas journey! This Tuesday (Jan 6<sup>th</sup>) we celebrate the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas with the coming of the 3 Wise Men to the Bethlehem stable on the feast of the Epiphany. Even before the baby Jesus is able to speak his first word, he has already communicated so much about his life's mission – born into poverty and humility, his earthly parents rooted in faithful obedience to God, his first visitors – the poor and marginalised shepherds, and then the non-Jewish Wise Men. The name 'Jesus' means 'the one who saves' and the baby Jesus shows that he will be a Saviour for all people, rich and poor, Jew and non-Jew – for all who choose to follow the Father.

But today, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas, we are invited (for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this Christmas!) to reflect on a very different telling of the Bethlehem story as found at the beginning of John's Gospel. John is writing as an old man, perhaps 100 years after Jesus' birth, so he writes from a very different perspective from what we find in Matthew/Luke. No angels, shepherds, stable. No mention even of Bethlehem! Instead, John stands back and sees what happened in that stable as part of a much larger, more cosmic story which he traces back all the way to the story of Creation in Genesis. On each of those 6 days the power to create is in a word of God. On each day 'God said' and new life sprang forth from his command. John presents Christmas as the beginning of the new creation and shows this by opening his Gospel with the same words as we find in Genesis – 'In the beginning...'. That creative Word of God has now taken on human flesh!! This new creation calls us to a higher level of life, nothing less than a sharing in God's own divine life! So Christmas is a celebration of birth – yes, Jesus's birth – but also our own birth as children of God, chosen to share in divine life! Wow! So, this New Year what grace can we ask of God to help us reach a higher level of faith... **New Year blessings & prayers, Fr Richard, Fr Ephrem & all the parish team**

## IN THE PARISH...

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:** **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Nativity** (Pg 111 in Parish Mass book) 1<sup>st</sup> reading Sirach 24: 1-2, 8-12; Psalm 147 Response: **The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.** 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18; Gospel: John 1: 1-18 The beginning of John's Gospel

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:** **The BAPTISM of the LORD** (Pg 118 in Parish Mass book) 1<sup>st</sup> reading Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29 Response: **The Lord will bless his people with peace** 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Acts 10: 34-38; Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17 The Baptism of Jesus

**The Feast of the Epiphany** is celebrated this Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. We will have Masses at 9.15am and 6.30pm. With the blessing of chalk!

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:** £3,706.30; Loose Plate: £358.86; Planned Giving: £314.90; On-line donations: £1233.85; Christmas Loose Plate: £ 769.69; Christmas Planned Giving: £444.00; Contactless machine: £585.00. Thank you so much for your great generosity – God bless you!

**Online Donations Account Name: WRCDT White City Sort Code: 40-05-20**

**Account No: 31264990.** A regular standing order is a great way to support the parish. Use the parish bank account details above. Add your surname/first name as a reference. Taxpayers can gift aid your donation! Email [giftaid@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:giftaid@rcdow.org.uk) with: the name of your parish (White City); your title, first name/surname; address & postcode; date of your gift, or start date of standing order; the amount; please add the line: 'Please gift aid my donations'. Many thanks – this is a HUGE help.

**Please note: if you sign up for GIFT AID on the contactless machine, you must put your FULL NAME for the parish to claim your gift aid - initials are not enough. Envelope holders must use the correct envelopes for each week. We cannot claim gift aid donations for unmarked envelopes with handwritten numbers on.**

### OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS

**Our Saturday** free community lunch run by FoodCycle will now be on an extended break until the parish centre renovation is completed.

**Our Monday morning White City Community Food Hub** has moved to St Michael & St George church. Food distributed from 11.15am. We are open again this Monday after a 1-week Christmas break.

- **The Thursday Club** for our over-60's meets again this week after the Christmas break. We will now meet in St Michael & St George Church hall due to our parish centre renovation. Thursdays from 10am with tea/coffee/cake and social time. All over-60's welcome!

### PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

- **This is a big week for the project** – after an initial 2 weeks of set-up before Christmas, the project now begins in earnest from this Monday. You should see some significant developments over the coming days. Please keep the project and the builders in your prayers!

**UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENT SALE** – this has become a tradition in recent years here in the parish. If you have received any present which you know you do not need and may never use, but someone else might, bring them to the presbytery for our sale **next weekend, 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> January**. All money raised will go towards our Parish Centre Renovation Project appeal. Many, many thanks!

- **CARITAS ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR** HUGE thanks to all who donated bags and bags of food and other essential items in response to this CARITAS initiative. Our stocks are now really boosted to help with the ever-growing numbers coming to our Monday Food Project. Thank you also to St John XXIII, God Shepherd and St Mary Primary schools, Cardinal Vaughan school, St Augustine's and Holy Ghost & St Stephen parishes – all of whom gave their CARITAS donations for our Monday Food Project.

- **GIFT sessions for Children/Families of primary school age.** Our GIFT sessions begin again this Saturday – we meet once a month on a Saturday morning, firstly at 9.15am Mass and afterwards for a session in which children & parents explore together some part of our faith. We **Grow in Faith Together!** New families always welcome. Come & see!

- **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** – the next course will take place on 2 Saturday afternoons (4-5pm) later in January. Please register asap. Registration forms are at the back of the church.

- **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** – if you are planning to get married in 2026 (congratulations!!) and live within our parish boundaries, you will need to take part in our parish marriage preparation course. It would be a HUGE help if you could contact Fr Richard asap about this.

- **PARISH PILGRIMAGES for 2026** This year we are planning 2 pilgrimages abroad. We plan to go to **Medjugorje in the May half-term:** May 25-30. Cost - £750pp (plus plane baggage costs). Full info sheet available this weekend. And then once again, we will join the Westminster Diocese Pilgrimage to **Lourdes at the very beginning of the school summer hols:** something like July 18- 23 (tbc). Full info available soon. This will also be our new Archbishop's first Westminster pilgrimage to Lourdes.